

Together Alive Youth Link (TAYL)

Improving Water and Sanitation Access Project
April – July 2008 Activity Report

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A high prevalence of cholera and other water borne diseases is often linked to poor sanitation facilities and the use of unsafe water sources and flooding. This project is intended to provide a crisis response to the flood ravaged communities in the Lango sub-region of Uganda as a means of averting impending epidemics of water borne diseases. This project seeks to address these problems through the construction of sanitation facilities and clean water sources in the flood affected counties of the sub region.

The total project is expected to cost 133,515,000 UGX, which the French Embassy pledged financial support to a sum of 90,000,000 UGX; there is a contribution of 33,442,500 UGX from TAYL and the remaining cost of 10,072,500 UGX is expected to be filled through community contributions.

The narrative report covers Phase One of the scheduled activities. As of July 2008, 53,629,900 UGX of the budgeted 66,757,750 UGX have been used for projects. We are currently in preparation to move into the next phase of activities which will require securing additional funding to bring this project to a successful conclusion.



objectives

The overall objective of this project is to improve access to water and sanitation facilities for communities in the Lango sub-region.

specific objectives

- To mobilize communities in flood-affected areas and educate them on issues regarding general hygiene behaviors, water and sanitation so that they can live healthy, happy and productive lives.
- To construct and repair at least one water source for clean drinking water in five flood-affected communities.
- To construct and repair at least ten pit latrines for ten community public primary schools that were destroyed by flooding.



objectives

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activities

There are five activities that were covered by the project which include construction of toilets, borehole repairs, protection of water source/spring wells, carrying out a needs assessment to fully educate and engage the community in supporting the project team.

sanitation

Expected outcome

Construct ten VIP pit latrines in flood affected primary schools.

Actual achievement

To date, five latrines have been constructed. One each at Lyam Primary School, Ogongong P7, Omarari P7, Angem P7 and Okokolako P7.

Challenges

We were fortunate that the community contributed to the costs of water and plywood, however there is currently a deficit for this project. Fifty percent of the original budget was transferred to project coordination and management as this work had not been budgeted for previously.

There were severe floods that hit the area causing transportation problems because the roads were impassable.

Materials had to be doubled since the original infrastructure had been completely destroyed.

Remedy

Surplus funds from borehole repairs and project management went towards reinforcing this activity.



Omarari Primary School Sunken Latrines washed away by floods.



Ogongong Primary School Sunken Latrines washed away by floods.

borehole repair

Expected outcome

Repair six boreholes in the sub-region.

Actual achievement

Three boreholes were repaired in Adwir, Omoro and Okure. Various spare parts for the borehole were purchased and used for repairs to provide the community access to clean water.



Adwir borehole before repair with the community.



Omoro borehole before repair.

Challenges

This activity was completed without difficulty and there was a surplus of 6,173,750 UGX which was used to recuperate funds for sanitation projects.

activities



Adwir borehole before repair.



Adwir borehole during repair; Mr. Fred Okjuka, Engineer, and his Staff.

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Remedy

Surplus funds under this activity were used in other areas including sanitation, water sources/ spring wells protection and needs assessment.



Project coordinator testing water after repair as the community looks on.



Program coordinator with the locals at Omoro .



Chairman of Omoro village trying out the borehole with the locals.

water sources/spring wells

Expected Outcome

Protect five open water sources.

Actual achievement

Three springs were protected in Awonenaga, Acoga and Amin Awio. Each spring serves 500 people.



The Acoga spring well.



The Acoga spring well.

Challenges

Cost rose past the budgeted funds due to expensive parts, high fuel and food expenses, and the rising cost of cement (the primary material used in this activity).

Remedy

The deficit of 1,194,500 UGX was recovered from other project activities.



The Acoga spring well.



The Acoga spring well.

needs assessment

Expected Outcome

Educate communities on their roles during the implementation of project activities.

Actual achievement

150 people benefited directly from informational meetings held. Hundreds of residents from Anara, Te cwao, AloI and Adwir were in attendance and helped to mobilize over 1300 people. The meeting helped spread information on the project to educate over one thousand residents in each community.

The local leaders mobilized the community and in return the residents pledged to look after the boreholes and pay user charges of 500Ugx per family per month to maintaining the boreholes and water sources. In addition, every household pledged to have a toilet by the close of the project in December and the follow up is to be made by LC3 Chairman and other local leaders.



Community Education: From Right to Left, TAYL Coordinator, Mr.Miio Shannie, Deputy H/M of Iyama Primary School, LCI C/M and II for Iyama Village and Parish and Mr.Samuel Oduke Village.



Elders of Angem Village after a Sensitization meeting, left to Right, OKulle Patrick Area LCI C/M, Class Teacher Angem Primary, and other Local Leaders.

Challenges

Although it took a good deal of convincing to get the residents behind this project, they soon realized that they were an important factor in the success or failure of this project.

Because the intensive education of the residents was the most important aspect of the project, more funds were used than anticipated.

Remedy

The deficit was covered using surplus from other budgeted items.



project management & coordination

Expected outcome

To create and implement the project.

Actual achievement

Phase one was successfully initiated and preparations for beginning Phase Two are currently under way.



Challenges

Under funding was the most significant challenge of this activity and funds intended for the sanitation component were transferred to this category.

Remedy

This activity will be allocated funds during the second phase.

activities

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conclusion

Despite the various constraints met during Phase One, the project met most of the objectives set. TAYL is requesting additional funding of 45,000,000 UGX to start and complete Phase Two of the Improving Water and Sanitation Access Project.

We are also anticipating an additional increase in cost for all supplies and materials. Cost increases have drained the budget; we are kindly requesting that SDF allocate the project additional funding prior to project completion. Without this funding completion of the construction of ten VIP latrines and borehole repair might be in jeopardy.

If the price of supplies continue to increase and funds are not raised, we will plan to construct 8 VIP latrines, instead of the proposed ten.

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